

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 19TH APRIL, 2017**

PRESENT –

Ian Graham (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

*Mr B. Harrison
Councillor D. Whalley
Mrs J. David*

*Mrs C. Clegg
Mr P. Clegg*

(Apologies for absence were received from Dr B. Evans and Mr D. Carter.)



1. JEAN ANCIANT

Jean Ancient, Mayor of Creil from 1979 to 2001, had passed away on 31st March 2017. Members remembered Jean's strong support and enthusiastic contribution to twinning over the years.

2. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the Twinning meeting held on 15th February 2017 be approved as a correct record.

3. TWINNING UPDATE

Members were given an update on events planned for the coming year. Details had been circulated with the agenda.

Members discussed the invitation to the Creil Festival on June 25th and the outline itinerary for the weekend. The Mayor and Mayoress had accepted the invitation but it looked like only Ian Graham and Judith David would be representing the Twinning Association. Unfortunately Pendle had not been able to find four young tennis players to take part in the tennis tournament on Saturday 24th June.

Flights had been booked for the two students representing Pendle at the Summer School in Beauvais in July. They were paying for their flights. The Association would pay their participation fee.

There were discussions about the 8 walkers from Creil and 1 walker from Marl who were visiting Pendle 12th to 16th August to take part in the Walking Festival. Twinning Members were asked to help out with transport to and from the airport and to the walks. They were being hosted in Members' homes but it was agreed that the Association should pay for some hospitality one evening.

No further news had been received about the proposed Youth Event in Chorzow in August/September. It was looking unlikely that it would be able to go ahead at such short notice.

Arrangements were going well for the Pendle Youth Choir to visit Marl at the end of October. The Mayor and Mayoress would be going to see them perform. Ian Graham also planned to see them in Marl.

Members were reminded about the South Brittany holiday for Twinning members and that deposits were needed by mid-May.

Following his conversation with allotment holders in Marl, Ben Harrison had set up a Facebook page for Marl, Creil and Pendle allotment holders to exchange information and post pictures. It was suggested that the Parish and Town Clerks be sent details of the Facebook page so that they could inform the various allotment groups in Pendle of this initiative.

Ben Harrison was a member of Trawden Athletic Club. He had spoken to members of the Club about inviting six runners from Marl to take part in the Pendle Running Festival in July.

A meeting had been arranged on 28th April with two Arts teachers from Nelson and Colne College about a possible link with students in Marl and Creil.

Enquiries had been made on behalf of Marl about accommodation and coach hire for 25-30 people visiting Pendle next June. This would give people the opportunity to see more of the area.

Judith David and Ben Harrison reported back on the twinning weekend in Marl in March. The weekend had included a visit to the town's household waste recycling centre; the opening of Aileen Rostron's art exhibition in the Town Hall Gallery; the inauguration of a memorial plaque in front of the Town Hall in commemoration of John David; and an evening in the historic town of Recklinghausen. On Saturday evening twinning guests attended Marl's Twinning AGM when Creil, Marl and Pendle discussed forthcoming projects.

AGREED

- (1) That the £600 provisionally agreed last year to be paid out of the 2017/18 budget to help fund the Pendle Youth Choir's visit to Marl now be paid.
- (2) That details of Parish and Town Councils be sent to Ben Harrison so he could circulate details about the Facebook page to allotment holders in Pendle.
- (3) That arrangements be made to pay the participation fee for the two Pendle students taking part in the Summer School in July.
- (4) That some hospitality be provided one evening to the walkers from Creil and Marl whilst they were in Pendle for the Walking Festival.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £1110.89.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The AGM would be held on 14th June 2017 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.